

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**ART UNIT 3733**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	Docket No. 31849.42 / P11711.00
Shores et al.	§	
	§	Customer No. 46334
Application No.: 10/698,177	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: October 31, 2003	§	
	§	Examiner: Jerry L. Cumberledge
For: Surgical Instrument with Angled	§	
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 30, 2007. No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper. Note that none of the claims are amended. The claim listing is provided solely for the convenience of the examiner.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.